Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know whether medical inspection of girls will be made compulsory in the coming year in case it is found feasible ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Not in the coming year ; the proposals are under consideration."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether they follow up their reports by further action ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" When the inspection reports are received they are communicated to the parents."

Opening of girls' schools in South Kanara.

* 1682 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a number of girls' schools have been opened in South Kanara and other districts either in a portion of school buildings used for boys or in their close neighbourhood ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have considered how they could avoid payment of double grants in such cases ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know whether the Government will be pleased to get the necessary information on this matter ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Yes, Sir. We have asked the Director of Public Instruction for it."

Vocational schools in the Presidency.

* 1683 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many vocational schools there are in this province ;
(*b*) where they are situated ;
(*c*) the strength of each ;
(*d*) which of them are under private management ;
(*e*) whether any grants are given and if so, how much for each ;
(*f*) whether any schools were started during the current year ; and
(*g*) the nature of vocational training in each school ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the Annual Report on Public Instruction in the Madras Presidency, particularly the statistics under the head 'Special Education' in Volume II and the subsidiary tables appended to the volume.

Local Boards

Renewal of the lease of the steamer 'Nell' by the West Godavari District Board.

* 1684 *Q.*—Mr. J. Bheemayya : With reference to the answer given to the supplementary question to question No. 483 answered on 23rd March 1927, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have called for an explanation from the President, District Board, West Godavari, for the renewal of the lease of the District Board steamer 'Nell' without stipulating the payment of any money to the District Board ;